

spanned nearly 31 years and encompassed Infantry, Special Forces, and ROTC assignments, including two tours in Vietnam with the elite Delta Force element. He was also selected for a Joint Task Force with the XVIII Airborne Corps in Grenada during Operation Urgent Fury to become the headquarters J-3, Operations, Plans, and Training Officer.

During two years in Vietnam with the 5th Special Forces Group, then Captain Hadden served as a Long Range Reconnaissance Platoon Leader, Senior Advisor to a South Vietnamese Airborne Ranger Battalion, and Operations Officer of Project Delta, a special mission unit. In May of 1967, while fighting in the A Shau Valley, he was seriously wounded. On August 20, 1969, when Delta's forward base camp came under a massive attack, he bravely moved through heavy fire to direct effective offensive action against the attackers. For his heroism in battle in Vietnam, he was awarded 4 Bronze Stars (1 w/VDevice), 6 Air Medals (1 w/V Device), a Purple Heart, a Navy Unit Commendation Medal, and a Combat Infantryman Badge among several other military decorations including the Legion of Merit.

Colonel Hadden's final military assignment was with the U.S. Army Infantry School and Fort Benning, where he retired as Inspector General in 1993 before becoming the Senior Vice President of Economic Development and Military Affairs for the Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce. During his time as Senior Vice President, he oversaw the negotiations for the Columbus-Fort Benning Land Swap, the largest of its kind nationally. Additionally, in his "volunteer" role as acting Executive Director of the National Infantry Foundation, he was instrumental in the development of plans for the new Museum and in fundraising of over \$14 million for the iconic institution.

Colonel Hadden has and continues to lend his selfless support to entities that support our nation's military and his surrounding community. Some of those include Fort Benning Retiree Council, Congressional Service Academy Nomination Panels, Co-Chair Community Engagement Board, Military Officers Association of America (both chapter and state), and Georgia Special Forces, where he serves as Chapter President.

Colonel Hadden has accomplished much in his life, but none of it would have been possible without the love and support of his wife, Trish; and his daughter, Terry.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, my wife Vivian, and the more than 730,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District in extending our sincerest congratulations to the Colonel (Ret.) Mayo Addison "Biff" Hadden, III for his induction into the 2020 Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame and for his many years of service to his community, nation, and humankind.

JOHN (JACK) SULLIVAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 12, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud John (Jack) Sullivan for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Jack Sullivan is a student at Wayne Carle M.S. and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jack Sullivan is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jack Sullivan for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF BLUE FRIDAY'S 5 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 12, 2021

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Jeff Katz and the fifth anniversary of his "Blue Friday" program. Blue Friday was founded in memory of fallen Richmond Police Officer Lieutenant Jan McTernan to honor her memory and legacy by recognizing local police officers.

Once a month, Blue Friday pays tribute to a local Central Virginia Law Enforcement officer, highlighting their valiant and tireless efforts to protect their communities.

Over these five years, the Blue Friday program has displayed Virginia's commitment to advocacy and civic engagement. Blue Friday lends a needed and well-deserved voice to law enforcement, going above and beyond to raise awareness and honor outstanding law enforcement officers in our community. Their displays of courage and determination set an excellent example for all of those around us.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I ask that you rise with me today to honor and celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Blue Friday program. I look forward to hearing about the future officers recognized and the stories of their heroic commitment to our community.

RECOGNIZING PENNRIDGE REGIONAL POLICE CHIEF ROD BLAKE (RETIRED AFTER OVER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE)

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 12, 2021

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career of Police Chief Rod Blake. As a graduate of Souderton High School, Chief Blake started his law enforcement career as an officer in West Rockhill Township. In 1992, West Rockhill merged with East Rockhill and Sellersville Borough to form the Pennridge Regional Police Department. During his time with the Pennridge Regional PD, Chief Blake served in a variety of positions, spanning from Field Training Officer, Firearms Instructor, Sergeant, and eventually, the Chief of Police. At

the time of this retirement, Chief Blake was the longest-tenured officer at the station.

Chief Rod Blake has had a lasting impact on every employee at Pennridge Regional, where he has been involved in the hiring process of everyone who comes through those doors. His mission was to serve and protect the community, and I cannot think of someone who embodied this ethos more than Chief Blake. As someone who said that they cannot see themselves working for another department, we are extremely grateful that Chief Blake has served for over 30 years in our community.

JORGE CARBALLEA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 12, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jorge Carballa for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Jorge Carballa is a student at Jefferson Jr./Sr. H.S. and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jorge Carballa is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jorge Carballa for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING THE LIFE OF TONY BUTKOVICH

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 12, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Tony Butkovich, who led a short, but very meaningful life.

Tony was born on April 2, 1921 in St. David, Illinois. At Lewistown High School, he was a star athlete and excelled at both basketball and football. In 1939, Tony led Lewistown High School to an undefeated football season and the basketball team to the IHSA State Playoffs. After high school, he was recruited by several schools, but chose the University of Illinois. Tony then chose to do his officer's training at Purdue University for the U.S. Marines. While there, he led their football team to an undefeated season for the first time in history. The U.S. Marines called him into active duty before he could finish out the year at Purdue. Tony even participated in the Mosquito Bowl in 1944, a touch-turned-tackle football game with All-American players during his time in the Marines. Sadly, he was killed in 1945 at the Battle of Okinawa at the age of 24. I commend him for a life well-lived, and I honor him today on what would have been his 100th birthday.